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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/46/645/Add.8, para. 17)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

1. At its 53rd meeting, on 16 December 1991, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/73) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/46/645/Add.8, para. 17). The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/46/SR.53).

3. Statements in explanation of position after the decision were made by the representatives of the United States of America and Israel.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee in its report, 1/ the programme of work under section 19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 would be increased by the additional activities listed in the statement submitted by the Secretary-General; 2/ and an additional appropriation in the amount of $47,000 would be required under section 19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, subject to the guidelines for the operation and use of the contingency fund.

1/ A/46/645/Add.8, para. 17.

2/ A/C.5/46/73, para. 4.

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DISASTER AT CHERNOBYL

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/46/737, para. 10)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

1. At its 53rd meeting, on 16 December 1991, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/60) on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/46/737, para. 10). The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the Committee's report orally.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

2. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution 1/ an additional appropriation of $368,600 would be required under section 1 (Overall policy-making, direction and coordination) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Such requirements would constitute an additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993 and would therefore be subject to the

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1/ A/46/737, para. 10.

guidelines for the use of the contingency fund approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987. In addition, an additional appropriation of $56,000 would be required under section 36 (Staff assessment), offset by the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/46/645/Add.6, para. 39)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

1. At its 53rd meeting, on 16 December 1991, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/69) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/46/645/Add.6, para. 39). The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the Committee's report orally.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

2. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee in its report, 1/ no additional appropriation would be required under section 1 (Overall policy-making, direction and coordination) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. It further decided to inform the General Assembly that the extent to which the Secretary-General would be able to respond to the requests contained in the draft resolution would depend upon his success in obtaining voluntary contributions for the related work.

1/ A/46/645/Add.6, para. 69.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session, and to allocate to the Fifth Committee, the item entitled:

"Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:

"(a) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

"(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

"(c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees."

2. At its 3rd to 5th, 7th, 8th, 22nd, 41st and 44th meetings, on 4, 8, 10, 11, 14 October and 5 and 25 November and 3 December 1991, the Fifth Committee considered the financial reports and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1990 of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, 1/ the United Nations Institute for

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5C (A/46/5/Add.3).

Training and Research, 2/ the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 3/ and the interim reports of the Board of Auditors for the first year of the biennium 1990-1991 on the United Nations Development Programme, 4/ the United Nations Population Fund 5/ and the International Trade Centre, 6/ the reports and audit opinions of the Board of Auditors, the concise summary of the principal findings, conclusions and recommendations for remedial action of the Board of Auditors 7/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. 8/

3. The Committee also had before it a report of the Secretary-General on the question of unliquidated obligations (A/46/404) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/46/601).

4. The comments and observations made in the course of the discussion of the item and the replies to queries raised are reflected in the summary records of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/46/SR.3 to 5, 7, 8, 22, 41 and 44).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/46/L.3

5. At the 39th meeting, on 21 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, following informal consultations, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/46/L.3).

6. For its consideration, the Committee had before it a statement of programme budget implications (A/C.5/46/48) on the draft resolution.

7. At the 44th meeting, on 3 December, the Chairman informed the Committee that, following further discussions on the draft resolution, it had been agreed to remove the second preambular paragraph and paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.5/46/L.3 and to place those exact texts in the draft decision under agenda item 111: Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Chairman further stated that, since the statement of programme budget

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2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 5D (A/46/5/Add.4).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 5E (A/46/5/Add.5).

4/ A/46/5/Add.1.

5/ A/46/5/Add.7.

6/ A/46/5.

7/ A/46/298.

8/ A/46/510.

implications contained in document A/C.5/46/48 related only to the matter that the Committee had agreed to take up under item 111, the Committee would hear the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on A/C.5/46/48 when it took up item 111.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/46/L.3, as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 10).

9. The representatives of Germany, Belgium and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland spoke in explanation of position.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

10. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly,

Having considered the financial reports and audited financial statements of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, 9/ the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, 10/ the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 11/ for the year ended 31 December 1990, and the interim reports of the Board of Auditors for the first year of the biennium 1990-1991 on the United Nations Development Programme, 12/ the United Nations Population Fund 13/ and the International Trade Centre, 14/ the reports and audit opinions of the Board of Auditors, the concise summary of principal findings,

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9/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5C (A/46/5/Add.3).

10/ Ibid., Supplement No. 5D (A/46/5/Add.4).

11/ Ibid., Supplement No. 5E (A/46/5/Add.5).

12/ A/46/5/Add.1.

13/ A/46/5/Add.7.

14/ A/46/5.

conclusions and recommendations for remedial action of the Board of Auditors, 15/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 16/

Recognizing the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/235 of 21 December 1990,

Noting with appreciation the steps taken by the executive heads and governing bodies of the United Nations organizations and programmes to give appropriate consideration and attention to the audit reports,

Taking into consideration the views expressed by delegations, by the Board of Auditors, by the Advisory Committee and by representatives of the United Nations organizations and programmes during the debate in the Fifth Committee on this item, and the widely expressed support for measures to improve the efficiency, management, financial accountability and budgetary control of the United Nations organizations and programmes concerned,

1. Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the audit opinions and reports of the Board of Auditors regarding the aforementioned organizations;

2. Endorses all recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and approves all of the recommendations and observations of the Board of Auditors in which the Advisory Committee has concurred, subject to the provisions of the present resolution, taking into account the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee;

3. Requests the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee to continue to cover, in their review of organizations and programmes, including peace-keeping operations, the areas relating to the efficiency and effectiveness of the financial procedures and controls, the accounting system and related administrative and management aspects in accordance with regulation 12.5 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and to recommend measures, as appropriate, to strengthen financial and management controls and to standardize the financial reporting of the organizations;

4. Recommends that all future reports of the Board of Auditors continue to include separate sections that contain a summary of recommendations for corrective action to be taken by the United Nations organizations and programmes concerned, with an indication of relative urgency;

15/ A/46/298.

16/ A/46/510.

5. Requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of agencies to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a timetable for remedial action on the recommendations by the Board of Auditors referred to in paragraph 5;

6. Encourages the Board of Auditors to carry out its audits in a comprehensive manner in response to paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 44/183 of 19 December 1989 and to paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 45/235;

7. Invites the Board of Auditors to continue the practice of issuing a special report for United Nations organizations audited on a biennial basis during the first year of each biennium, through the Advisory Committee, if in the opinion of the Board there are matters that need to be brought to the attention of the governing bodies and/or the General Assembly;

8. Requests the Board of Auditors to ensure regular audit coverage of all extrabudgetary expenditures, including the various trust funds managed by the Secretary-General or the executive heads of United Nations organizations and programmes;

9. Invites the governing bodies of organizations and programmes for which audited financial statements or interim reports have been considered by the General Assembly to ensure that full consideration is given to the reports of the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee and the comments made thereon in the Fifth Committee with a view to taking appropriate remedial measures;

10. Welcomes the review of the Board of Auditors of the liquidity positions of United Nations organizations, and requests the Board to conduct a further review, bearing in mind that the information should be presented in a standardized format;

11. Recommends that the Board of Auditors continue to submit to the General Assembly a concise document summarizing its principal findings, conclusions and recommendations of common interest, classified by audit area and, where appropriate, identifying the audited organization;

12. Urges the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations organizations designated as executing agencies of the Programme expeditiously to conclude standard basic executing agencies agreements and to ensure that these agreements, including existing agreements, provide for appropriate accountability with regard to Programme funds;

13. Expresses concern about continued qualified opinions by the Board of Auditors on the financial statements of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund;

14. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to require the executive heads of the Programme and the United Nations Population Fund:

(a) To intensify vigorously their efforts to correct or improve the conditions that gave rise to the qualification of audit opinions of the Board of Auditors;

(b) To issue and implement comprehensive and specific guidelines in order to delineate appropriately programme expenditure, programme support and administrative expenditures;

15. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take appropriate measures to improve budget management and to ensure timely completion of projects executed by the Office for Project Services and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Governing Council of the Programme;

16. Endorses the recommendations by the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee with regard to the administrative system of the International Trade Centre, and requests the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Centre to reach agreement on suitable administrative arrangements by the end of 1991, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

17. Urges the Secretary-General and the executive heads of United Nations organizations and programmes:

(a) To submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through their respective governing bodies, detailed progress reports on steps taken to implement previous recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee and to explain if any of those recommendations have not yet been implemented, and requests the Board and the Advisory Committee to evaluate the efficacy of those measures, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

(b) To report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through their respective governing bodies, on the implementation of effective measures to facilitate reporting by staff members on a confidential basis with due regard to considerations of privacy, of any inappropriate use of the resources of a United Nations organization or programme;

(c) To implement stringent inventory controls on non-expendable property;

(d) To institute without delay more effective control on the payment of all allowances and benefits to staff members and to report on the progress achieved in this regard to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through their respective governing bodies;

18. Draws the attention of the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the United Nations organizations and programmes to paragraph 3 of the annex to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations regarding the provision of information which is classified as confidential;

19. Reaffirms the importance of strict compliance with financial regulations and rules on the subject of unliquidated obligations;

20. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, in the light of his experience in implementing the new budget process and in the context of the views expressed by delegations, and of the observations and recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 17/ and the Advisory Committee, 18/ and the problems referred to in the report of the Secretary-General, 19/ particularly in paragraph 12, a report concerning the way in which year-end obligations relating to expenditures on equipment and on multi-year obligations should be dealt with;

21. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the steps taken to eliminate abuses in the payment of income tax reimbursements, and requests him to continue efforts to recover outstanding excess income tax reimbursements and report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, and requests the executive heads of other organizations and programmes to do the same;

22. Requests the Board of Auditors to ensure regular audit coverage of the accounts of the various peace-keeping and special missions;

23. Requests the executive heads of the United Nations organizations and programmes to ensure that expenditures do not exceed the level of funds provided under allotments, in accordance with the Financial Rules.

17/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/45/5), vol. I, paras. 63-67.

18/ A/46/601.

19/ A/46/404.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Committee had before it a note of the Secretary-General on administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/46/341) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/46/546).

3. The comments and observations made in the course of the discussion of the item and the replies to queries raised are reflected in the summary records of the Fifth Committee (see A/C.5/46/SR.39 and 45).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/46/L.5

4. At the 45th meeting, on 5 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee introduced a draft decision (A/C.5/46/L.5). At the same meeting the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced a statement of programme budget implications (A/C.5/46/48) concerning the draft decision.

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5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Having discussed the interim study on the need for the development of accounting standards to be applied in the United Nations system, 1/ which was requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/235 of 21 December 1990,

(a) Decides to discuss at its forty-seventh session the question of the administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

(b) Endorses the recommendations of the Panel of External Auditors on the interim study, 1/ and requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report, 2/ to appoint a consultant from within existing resources to propose a set of accounting standards for common application to the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

1/ A/46/341.

2/ A/46/546.

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council". At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to allocate chapters I, IV (section F) and VII (sections B and D) of the report 1/ to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Committee noted various chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council in the context of its consideration of other items, notably, item 107, Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, and item 108, Programme planning.

3. At its 45th meeting, on 5 December, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council that had been allocated to the Fifth Committee (see para. 4).

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/46/3/Rev.1).

II. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly takes note of chapters I, IV (section F) and VII (sections B and D) of the report of the Economic and Social Council. 1/

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PROTECTION OF GLOBAL CLIMATE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MANKIND

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/46/729, para. 13)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

1. At its 54th meeting, on 17 December 1991, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/74) on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/46/729, para. 13). The related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee on Conferences were presented orally by their Chairmen.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/46/SR.54).

3. The representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of position after the decision was taken.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in its report: 1/

(a) The new activities indicated in paragraph 5 of document A/C.5/46/74 would be added under new section 11F of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

(b) An additional appropriation in the amount of $1,176,300 would be required under section 11 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 in connection with the activities of the ad hoc secretariat subject to the guidelines for the operation and use of the contingency fund;

(c) Furthermore, an exception to General Assembly resolution 40/243 would be granted for holding the fifth session and resumed fifth session of the International Negotiating Committee in New York; and

(d) The Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions would be requested to keep under review the staffing requirements of the International Negotiating Committee in the light of the activities mandated in the resolution.

1/ A/46/729, para. 13.

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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/46/L.54*

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

1. At its 53rd meeting, on 16 December 1991, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/75) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/46/L.54*. The recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were presented orally by its Chairman.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

2. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/46/L.54, it would take note that the new arrangements proposed in the relevant decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme are likely to have an impact on the United Nations regular budget and on the scope of the United Nations technical cooperation programmes.

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INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/46/733, para. 10)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

1. At its 54th meeting, on 17 December 1991, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/61) on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/46/733, para. 10). The recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were presented orally by its Chairman.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/46/SR.54).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution: (a) the additional activities detailed in paragraph 6 of A/C.5/46/61 would be included under section 30 (Disaster relief operations) of the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993 and no additional appropriation would be required. However, additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of $932,900 would be required for the biennium 1992-1993 in order to implement the activities of

the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction. Should additional voluntary contributions not materialize, the activities proposed would have to be deferred until sufficient resources were available under the Trust Fund; (b) it would concur with the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on issues related to the financing of the activities in the context of the Decade.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of draft resolution I recommended by the Third Committee in its report (A/46/704/Add.1, para. 19)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

1. At its 54th meeting, on 17 December 1991, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/76) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution I recommended by the Third Committee in its report (A/46/704/Add.1, para. 19). The recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were presented orally by its Chairman.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/46/SR.54).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

2. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution:

(a) Efforts would be made by the Secretary-General to absorb the requirement in the amount of $107,000 under section 21 (Social development and humanitarian affairs) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Any additional overexpenditures would be reported to the General

Assembly at its forty-seventh session in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

(b) The Secretary-General would submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a revision of programme 29 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and the revised estimates under section 21 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 in relation to activities in the area of crime prevention and criminal justice.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in its report (A/46/704/Add.1, para. 24)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

1. At its 54th meeting, on 17 December 1991, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/77) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 24 of its report (A/46/704/Add.1). The recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were presented orally by its Chairman.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/46/SR.54).

3. Statements in explanation of the position after the decision were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Community), Japan and Uganda.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in its report, 1/ it would:

(i) Accept the proposals of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders as supported by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(ii) Request the Secretary-General to keep the situation of the Institute under active review and report to the General Assembly not later than its forty-seventh session;

(iii) Decide that any additional requirements to the Institute would be provided on an exceptional basis, subject to the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and financed through redeployment within the overall level of appropriations for the biennium 1992-1993, taking into account the views expressed by the members of the Fifth Committee;

(iv) Urge the United Nations Development Programme to increase its funding for the programmes of the Institute.

1/ A/46/704/Add.1, para. 24.

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PROGRAMME PLANNING

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled:

"Programme planning:

"(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

"(b) Reports of the Secretary-General"

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered agenda item 108 in conjunction with item 107 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993) at its 5th, 9th to 17th, 19th to 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 41st, 47th and 53rd meetings on 10, 15, 17, 18, 21, 23, 25 and 28 to 31 October, 1, 4 to 8, 11 and 25 November and 9 and 16 December respectively. Comments made in the course of discussion of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/46/SR.5, 9 to 17, 19 to 23, 25, 27, 29, 41, 47 and 53).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-first session (A/46/16); 1/

(b) Programme budget implications arising from the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16/Add.1); 2/

(c) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/46/3); 3/

(d) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993; 4/

(e) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993; 5/

(f) Medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997: Reformulated Programme 21. Public administration and finance (A/46/330 and Corr.1);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the methodology for monitoring and reporting the programme performance of the United Nations (A/46/173);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the procedures for the provision of statements of programme budget implications and for the use and operation of the contingency fund (A/46/170).

II. CONSIDERATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

4. At its 17th meeting, on 30 October, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 1 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 56 to 60 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/46/16).

2/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 16A (A/46/16/Add.1).

3/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/46/3/Rev.1).

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1).

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/46/7).

Section 2. Good offices and peace making; peace-keeping; research and the collection of information

5. At its 41st meeting, on 25 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 2 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 77 to 79 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 3. Political and Security Council affairs

6. At its 17th meeting, on 30 October, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 3 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 85 and 86 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 4. Political and General Assembly affairs and Secretariat services

7. At its 17th meeting, on 30 October, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 4 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 94 to 97 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 5. Disarmament

8. At its 19th meeting, on 31 October, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 5 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 107 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 6. Special political questions; regional cooperation; trusteeship and decolonization

9. At its 47th meeting, on 25 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 6 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 115 to 118 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 7. Elimination of apartheid

10. At its 20th meeting, on 1 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 7 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 123 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 8. International Court of Justice

11. At its 20th meeting, on 1 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 8 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 127 and 128 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 9. Legal activities

12. At its 20th meeting, on 1 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 9 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 136 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 10. Law of the sea and ocean affairs

13. At its 20th meeting, on 1 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 10 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 145 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 11A. Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation

14. At its 21st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 11A of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 155 to 186 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 11B. World Food Council

15. At its 21st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 11B of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 190 to 192 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 11C. United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

16. At its 21st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 11C of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 200 to 202 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 11D. Regional Commissions New York Office

17. At its 21st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 11D of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 207 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 12. Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation

18. At its 21st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 12 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 216 and 217 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 13. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs

19. At its 21st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 13 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 229 to 231 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 14. Department of Technical Cooperation for Development

20. At its 22nd meeting, on 5 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 14 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 238 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

21. At its 22nd meeting, on 5 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 15 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 247 to 248 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 16. International Trade Centre

22. At its 22nd meeting, on 5 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 16 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 253 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 17. United Nations Environment Programme

23. At its 22nd meeting, on 5 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 17 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 260 to 265 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 18. Centre for Science and Technology for Development

24. At its 23rd meeting, on 6 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 18 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 270 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements

25. At its 23rd meeting, on 6 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 19 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 276 to 277 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 20. United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations

26. At its 23rd meeting, on 6 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 20 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 285 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 21. Social development and humanitarian affairs

27. At its 23rd meeting, on 6 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 21 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 294 and 295 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 22. International drug control

28. At its 25th meeting, on 7 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 22 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 301 and 302 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 23. Economic Commission for Africa

29. At its 25th meeting, on 7 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 23 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 310 to 314 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 24. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

30. At its 27th meeting, on 8 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 24 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 323 to 326 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 25. Economic Commission for Europe

31. At its 27th meeting, on 8 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 25 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 334 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 26. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

32. At its 27th meeting, on 8 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 26 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 338 and 339 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 27. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

33. At its 27th meeting, on 8 November, the Committee took note of the conclusions regarding section 27 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 342 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 28. Human rights

34. At its 27th meeting, on 8 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 28 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 350 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 29A. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

35. At its 29th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 29A of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraph 354 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 29B. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

36. At its 29th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 29B of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 359 and 360 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 30. Disaster relief operations

37. At its 29th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 30 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 366 to 369 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

Section 31. Department of Public Information

38. At its 29th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee approved, without a vote, the recommendations regarding section 31 of the proposed programme budget, which were contained in paragraphs 387 to 391 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/46/16).

III. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/46/L.8

39. At the 53rd meeting, on 16 December, M. El Hassane Zahid (Morocco) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/46/L.8, which had been elaborated following informal consultations.

40. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/46/L.8 without a vote (see para. 41).

IV. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

41. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Programme planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 43/219 of 21 December 1988, 44/194 and 44/200 B of 21 December 1989 and 45/253 of 21 December 1990, and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/67 of 26 July 1991,

Having considered the oral report of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee on the review of the reformulated programme 21 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 6/ by the Second Committee, 7/

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-first session 8/ and the relevant parts of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1991, 9/

Having considered also the relevant parts of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 10/

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the methodology for monitoring and reporting the programme performance of the United Nations 11/ and on the review of the procedures for the provision of statements of programme budget implications and for the use and operation of the contingency fund, 12/

Taking into account the comments and observations made in the Fifth Committee concerning programme planning, 13/

6/ A/46/330 and Corr.1.

7/ A/C.5/46/SR.12 and 29 and A/C.2/46/SR.32.

8/ A/46/16 and Add.1.

9/ A/46/3.

10/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/46/7).

11/ A/46/173.

12/ A/46/170.

13/ A/C.5/46/SR.5 to 47.

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MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997

Approves programme 21, Public administration and finance, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 as reformulated by the Secretary-General; 6/

II

CONSULTATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES DURING THE PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING PROCESS

1. Notes with concern that, for most sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, programmes of work had not been reviewed by intergovernmental bodies;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to institutionalize the consultative process with Member States on the medium-term plan, or its revisions, and the programmes of work to be included in the proposed programme budgets and to use, when necessary, ad hoc mechanisms to ensure that relevant intergovernmental bodies undertake their review in a timely manner;

3. Invites the functional, sectoral, regional and central reviewing bodies to improve the quality of their review of the relevant planning and programme documents submitted to them;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the quality of the proposals submitted to those bodies as well as their timeliness and the procedure of their submission be improved so as to facilitate the review mentioned in paragraph 3 above;

III

PRIORITIES

1. Stresses the importance of priority-setting as an integral part of the planning, programming and budgeting process;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make every effort with a view to ensuring that all relevant entities and bodies set and apply priorities in accordance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to keep under review the regulations and rules on priorities, in particular those at the level of activities and outputs, during the implementation of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and the use of the contingency fund;

IV

STATEMENTS OF PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

1. Reiterates the need to implement fully the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 44/200 B;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to enhance general awareness of the budgetary process in the Organization and, in this connection, to inform special conferences convened under United Nations auspices of the budgetary implications of their draft resolutions, recommendations and decisions;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to improve the programmatic content of the statements of programme budget implications and to propose in such statements or revised estimates alternative solutions for carrying out new activities, as required by resolutions 41/213 and 42/211;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its forty-eighth session, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, at its thirty-third session, a report on the review of the procedures for the provision of statements of programme budget implications and for the use and operation of the contingency fund, taking into account in particular the above-mentioned requests;

V

PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE MONITORING

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the methodology for monitoring and reporting the programme performance of the United Nations; 11/

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-first session 8/ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the above-mentioned report; 10/

VI

COORDINATION

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrative Committee on Coordination for the improvement it made to its annual overview report for 1990, in particular through the new report on programmes and resources of the United Nations system; 14/

14/ E/1991/42 and Add.1 and 2.

2. Reaffirms the importance of coordination in the United Nations system and the central role of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, under the leadership of the Secretary-General, in ensuring greater complementarity and compatibility of the activities and programmes of the United Nations system;

3. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, at its thirty-first session, on the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1990;

4. Requests the Administrative Committee on Coordination to pursue its efforts to improve its annual reports, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-first session;

VII

PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

Requests the Committee for Programme and Coordination to review its programme of work in the light of Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/67 and to make suggestions on the timing and duration of its sessions;

VIII

OTHER CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Approves those other conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-first session which have not otherwise been approved by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of draft resolution III recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/46/727/Add.2, para. 33)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

1. At its 54th meeting, on 17 December 1991, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/68) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 33 of its report (A/46/727/Add.2). The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the Committee's report orally.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

2. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 33 of its report (A/46/727/Add.2), no additional appropriation would be required at this stage.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/46/L.22/Rev.1

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

1. At its 54th meeting, on 17 December 1991, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/80) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/46/L.22/Rev.1. The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/46/SR.54).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/46/L.22/Rev.1 its implementation would require modifications of the prgramme of work under sections 6 (Special Political Questions; Regional Cooperation; Trusteeship and Decolonization) and 31 (Public Information). It further decided to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/46/L.22/Rev.1, no additional appropriation would be required at this stage under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Letter dated 17 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a Statement of the European Community and its member States on South Africa, issued on 17 December 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 37.

(Signed) Robert J. VAN SCHAIK
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement on South Africa

The Community and its member States welcome the announced start of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA), which can be a milestone on the way to a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa.

They have accepted the invitation from the two co-chairpersons of CODESA to participate as an observer in this historic meeting, which is scheduled to take place on 20 and 21 December 1991 in Kempton Park.

Convinced of the need for a broad consensus among all parties on the shape of the new South Africa, the Community and its member States launch an urgent appeal to all those parties who have not yet accepted to participate in the upcoming negotiation process, to reconsider their position in this regard, in order not to miss this unique opportunity for reconciliation through dialogue.

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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 17 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a Declaration of the European Council on the "Guidelines on the Recognition of New States in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union", issued on 16 December 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 68.

(Signed) Robert J. VAN SCHAIK
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Declaration of the European Council on the Guidelines on the Recognition of New States in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union, issued on 16 December 1991

In compliance with the European Council's request, Ministers have assessed developments in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union with a view to elaborating an approach regarding relations with new States.

In this connection they have adopted the following guidelines on the formal recognition of new States in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union:

"The Community and its member States confirm their attachment to the principles of the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris, in particular the principle of self-determination. They affirm their readiness to recognize, subject to the normal standards of international practice and the political realities in each case, those new States which, following the historic changes in the region, have constituted themselves on a democratic basis, have accepted the appropriate international obligations and have committed themselves in good faith to a peaceful process and to negotiations.

Therefore, they adopt a common position on the process of recognition of these new States, which requires:

Respect for the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the commitments subscribed to in the Final Act of Helsinki and in the Charter of Paris, especially with regard to the rule of law, democracy and human rights;

Guarantees for the rights of ethnic and national groups and minorities in accordance with the commitments subscribed to in the framework of the CSCE;

Respect for the inviolability of all frontiers which can only be changed by peaceful means and by common agreement;

Acceptance of all relevant commitments with regard to disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation as well as to security and regional stability;

Commitment to settle by agreement, including where appropriate by recourse to arbitration, all questions concerning State succession and regional disputes.

The Community and its member States will not recognize entities which are the result of aggression. They would take account of the effects of recognition on neighbouring States.

The commitment to these principles opens the way to recognition by the Community and its member States and to the establishment of diplomatic relations. It could be laid down in agreements."

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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 17 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a Declaration of the European Community and its member States on Yugoslavia, issued on 16 December 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 68.

(Signed) Robert J. van SCHAIK
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Declaration on Yugoslavia issued on 16 December 1991

The European Community and its member States discussed the situation in Yugoslavia in the light of their guidelines on the recognition of new States in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union. They adopted a common position with regard to the recognition of Yugoslav Republics. In this connection they concluded the following:

The Community and its member States agree to recognize the independence of all the Yugoslav Republics fulfilling all the conditions set out below. The implementation of this decision will take place on 15 January 1992.

They are therefore inviting all Yugoslav Republics to state by 23 December whether:

They wish to be recognized as independent States;

They accept the commitments contained in the above-mentioned guidelines;

They accept the provisions laid down in the draft Convention - especially those in Chapter II on human rights and rights of national or ethnic groups - under consideration by the Conference on Yugoslavia;

They continue to support

The efforts of the Secretary-General and the Security Council of the United Nations, and the continuation of the Conference on Yugoslavia.

The applications of those Republics which reply positively will be submitted through the Chair of the Conference to the Arbitration Commission for advice before the implementation date.

In the meantime, the Community and its member States request the United Nations Secretary-General and the United Nations Security Council to continue their efforts to establish an effective cease-fire and promote a peaceful and negotiated outcome to the conflict. They continue to attach the greatest importance to the early deployment of a United Nations peace-keeping force referred to in United Nations Security Council resolution 724 (1991).

The Community and its member States also require a Yugoslav Republic to commit itself, prior to recognition, to adopt constitutional and political guarantees ensuring that it has no territorial claims towards a neighbouring Community State and that it will conduct no hostile propaganda activities versus a neighbouring Community State, including the use of a denomination which implies territorial claims.

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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/46/L.55

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

1. At its 55th meeting, on 18 December 1991, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/78) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/46/L.55. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the Committee's report orally.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

2. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/46/L.55, no additional appropriation would be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Committee considered this item at its 36th, 48th and 54th meetings on 18 November and 10 and 17 December. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a United Nations information centre at Windhoek (A/C.5/46/14). The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman;

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel (A/C.5/46/3) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/46/748);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1990-1991 (A/C.5/46/46). The report of the Advisory Committee was presented orally by its Chairman.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of following draft resolutions:

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Final budget appropriation for the biennium 1990-1991

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1990-1991:

1. The amount of $2,134,072,100 appropriated by its resolution 45/252 A of 21 December 1990 shall be increased by $33,902,400 as follows:

		Amount appropriated by resolution 45/252 A	Increase or (decrease)	Final appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
Section				
PART I.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination			
	1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	75 972.3	2 610.0	78 582.3
	TOTAL, PART I	75 972.3	2 610.0	78 582.3
Part II.	Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities			
	2A. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities ..	91 172.2	4 894.3	96 066.5
	2B. Disarmament affairs activities	12 346.6	(389.1)	11 957.5
	2C. Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea	8 372.3	(685.4)	7 686.9
	TOTAL, PART II	111 891.1	3 819.8	115 710.9
Part III.	Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization			
	3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization	24 762.8	(1 541.4)	23 221.4
	TOTAL, PART III	24 762.8	(1 541.4)	23 221.4

	Amount appropriated by resolution 45/252 A	Increase or (decrease)	Final appropriation
	(United States dollars)		
Section			
Part IV. Economic, social and humanitarian activities			
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	9 320.4	(335.1)	8 985.3
5A. Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation	4 912.4	164.7	5 077.1
5B. Regional Commissions New York Office	889.7	53.4	943.1
6. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	49 231.4	(1 602.7)	47 628.7
7. Department of Technical Cooperation for Development	24 983.2	325.4	25 308.6
8. Activities on global social development issues	11 611.6	166.4	11 778.0
9. Transnational corporations	11 649.2	401.5	12 050.7
10. Economic Commission for Europe	37 657.1	(227.2)	37 429.9
11. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	41 295.9	1 175.6	42 471.5

	Amount appropriated by resolution 45/252 A	Increase or (decrease)	Final appropriation
	(United States dollars)		
Section			
12. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	57 305.9	(2 650.1)	54 655.8
13. Economic Commission for Africa	59 307.1	1 160.9	60 468.0
14. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	43 938.0	1 201.6	45 139.6
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	84 381.2	(37.7)	84 343.5
16. International Trade Centre	16 855.7	(1 018.1)	15 837.6
17. Centre for Science and Technology for Development	4 490.9	(180.8)	4 310.1
18. United Nations Environment Programme	11 576.2	211.0	11 787.2
19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	10 611.7	(260.6)	10 351.1
20. International drug control	10 540.0	(546.0)	9 994.0
21. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	38 860.3	805.4	39 665.7
22. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator	7 315.8	109.6	7 425.4
23. Human rights	19 044.2	695.3	19 739.5

Section		Amount appropriated by resolution 45/252 A	Increase or (decrease)	Final appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
	24. Regular programme of technical cooperation ...	37 503.9	(671.2)	36 832.7
	TOTAL, PART IV	593 281.8	(1 058.7)	592 223.1
Part V.	International justice and law			
	25. International Court of Justice	14 749.0	1 500.3	16 249.3
	26. Legal activities	19 977.7	(921.4)	19 056 3
	TOTAL, PART V	34 726.7	578.9	35 305.6
Part VI.	Public information			
	27. Public information	91 771.5	833.3	92 604.8
	TOTAL, PART VI	91 771.5	833.3	92 604.8
Part VII.	Common support services			
	28. Administration and management	434 020.9	4 689.4	438 710.3
	29. Conference and library services	384 343.2	4 022.8	388 366.0
	TOTAL, PART VII	818 364.1	8 712.2	827 076.3
Part IX.	Staff assessment			
	31. Staff assessment	310 460.5	19 977.4	330 437.9
	TOTAL, PART IX	310 460.5	19 977.4	330 437.9
Part X.	Capital expenditures			
	32. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises .	72 841.3	(29.1)	72 812.2
	TOTAL, PART X	72 841.3	(29.1)	72 812.2
	GRAND TOTAL	2 134 072.1	33 902.4	2 167 974.5

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B

Final income estimates for the biennium 1990-1991

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1990-1991:

1. The estimates of income in the amount of $381,753,800 approved by its resolution 45/252 B of 21 December 1990 shall be increased by $18,902,400 as follows:

Income sections	Amount approved by resolution 45/252B	Increase or (decrease)	Final estimates
	(United States dollars)		
PART I. Income from staff assessment			
1. Income from staff assessment	315 433.5	19 741.1	335 174.6
TOTAL, PART I	315 433.5	19 741.1	335 174.6
PART II. Other income			
2. General income	59 425.3	(3 982.9)	55 442.4
3. Revenue-producing activities	6 895.0	3 144.2	10 039.2
TOTAL, PART II	66 320.3	(838.0)	65 481.6
GRAND TOTAL	381 753.8	18 902.4	400 656.2

C

Net appropriations for the biennium 1990-1991

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1990-1991:

1. The amounts approved in resolution 45/252 A and B shall be increased by a net amount of $15,000,000 as follows:

	Amount approved by resolution 45/252	Increase or (decrease)	Final estimates
		(United States dollars)	
Expenditure	2 134 672 100	33 902 400	2 167 974 500
Income	381 753 800	18 902 400	400 656 200
Net requirements	1 752 318 300	15 000 000	1 767 318 300

2. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 of the present resolution, a net amount of up to $13,867,100 may, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, be committed in respect of the regular budget for the biennium 1990-1991; the amount so committed shall be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1992 and reported in the financial statements for the biennium 1990-1991.

4. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Establishment of a United Nations Information Centre at Windhoek

The General Assembly

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Establishment of a United Nations information centre at Windhoek 1/

DRAFT DECISION II

Standards of accommodation for air travel

The General Assembly

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on Standards of accommodation for air travel 2/

(b) Endorses the comments and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in document A/46/748;

(c) Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a review/evaluation of the current system together with the specific proposals.

DRAFT DECISION III

Effects of inflation and currency fluctuation

The General Assembly

(a) Recalling paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of its resolution 43/214 of 21 December 1988, on the need for a comprehensive and satisfactory solution to the problem of controlling the effects of inflation and currency fluctuation on the budget of the United Nations;

(b) Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to resume consideration of this issue and to report as appropriate to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

(c) Also recalls, inter alia, paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, which stipulated that, pending the comprehensive and satisfactory solution mentioned above, fluctuations in rates of exchange and inflation shall continue to be treated in accordance with established procedures and under the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations and Rules.

1/ A/C.5/46/14.

2/ A/C.5/46/3 and Add.1 and 2.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Revised estimates under Income section 3

The General Assembly

(a) Decides to defer action on the proposed renovation of the General Assembly First Basement Concourse until a later stage.

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Corrigendum

Draft resolution C

At the end of paragraph 2 insert

On this basis the General Assembly will consider and approve final appropriations and estimates of income for the biennium 1990-1991 at the earliest opportunity in 1992 on an ex post facto basis.

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